



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2020

- WHEREAS,** *Domestic violence is a serious crime that harms our children, families, schools, communities, workplaces, and economy for people from all walks of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, and economic control or abuse; and*
- WHEREAS,** *There have been, on average, 30,785 domestic violence-related crimes each year and 57 domestic violence-related homicides in Maryland since 2013; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In the U.S., an average of three women will die as a result of domestic violence each day. Approximately, one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifeline; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Exposure to domestic violence puts our youth in danger of long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is committed to putting an end to domestic violence and joins in commending the advocates, counselors, and supporters, who provide care to those affected by these acts of cruelty and for our law enforcement personnel and others who work to bring offenders to justices.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2020 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of October
Two Thousand and twenty

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State